Shelterless poor in **urban areas**

t4173. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of shelterless urban poor in the country; and

(b), if so, the programmes launched, financial, provisions made and time-frame envisaged to provide shelter to the shelterless in the shape of a 'pucca' house on a coherent norm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir, as per the Census 2001, the total shelterless urban population is 778329.

(b) National Housing and Habitat Policy formulated in 1998 envisages construction of two million houses per year with emphasis on EWS and LIG category. Out of target of 20 lakh houses per year, 7 lakh is for urban areas and 13 lakh is for rural areas. In urban areas, the target for financing construction of 7 lakh dwelling units has been distributed among HUDCO (4 lakh dwelling units per annum), Housing Finance Institutions/Public Sector Banks (2 lakh dwelling units per annum) and Cooperative Sector (1 lakh dwelling units per annum). However, no State-wise target has been fixed under Two Million Housing Programme.

Under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), Government provides 50% subsidy for construction of dwelling units for urban slum dwellers.

The year-wise target and progress under VAMBAY is as under:

Year	Target	.No. of dwelling Units sanctioned
2002-03	100000	110388
2003-04	106000	108376
2004-05	112000	113004

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The details of number of dwelling units sanctioned under Two Million Housing Programme year-wise is detailed below:—

Year	Target	HUDCO*	Co-operative Sector	HFIS**	Total No. of dwelling units
		Total no. of Units Sanctioned (Urban)	Total no. of Unit Sanctioned (Urban)	Total no. of Units Sanctioned (Urban)	
2002-03	700000	459969	73461	637091	1170521
2003-04	700000	427455	89948	621331	1138734
2004-05	700000	254885	50000	277520#	582405

*HUDCO - Housing & Urban Development Corpn. Ltd.
** HFIS - Housing Financial Institutions including Public Sector Banks
# as on 31.12.2004

Reduction in stamp duties

4174. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have agreed to bring down the stamp duty by 5 per cent or below, as planned in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the names of the States that have agreed/implemented and not agreed to the proposal;

(c) whether the reduction in stamp duty would boost the real estate sector and bring down the cost of housing to middle/low income groups;

(d) whether any legislation is proposed to be introduced to implemented the stamp duty reduction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Under Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) Scheme, 20 States/